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TAGS: EFIN, HA
SUBJECT: INTRACOASTAL SHIPPING

REF: STATE 88137

1. HAMAREX OFFICIALS HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THEIR SHIPPING SCHEME WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. HAMAREX WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1974 AND HAS SERVED AS A SUB-CONTRACTOR TO RAYMOND INTERNATIONAL ON THE PORT EXPANSION PROJECT. RELIABLE SOURCES TELL US THAT THE GOH IS NOT PLEASED WITH SLOW WORK AND COST OVERRUNS BY HAMAREX. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF ANY PORT-AU-PRINCE PORT FACILITIES OWNED BY HAMAREX.

2. HAITIAN INTRACOASTAL SHIPPING IS VERY PRIMITIVE. MOST PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT ARE CARRIED ON UNSEAWORTHY SAILBOATS WITH CRUDELY PLANKED HULLS OF ABOUT 30-35 FEET. OVERLOADING IS STANDARD PRACTICE, SINKINGS COMMON, AND LOSS OF LIFE FREQUENT. ONE MEDIUM-SIZED COASTER, THE "GRAND ANSE" STEAMS AROUND THE GULF OF GONAVE BETWEEN BREAKDOWNS. IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BUILT SOMETIME BEFORE WORLD WAR I. THERE ARE TWO SMALLER MOTORIZED COASTERS OF INDETERMINATE AGE. IMPROVED COASTAL SHIPPING IS OBVIOUSLY NEEDED IN HAITI AND WOULD HAVE A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT. SCHEMES TO ENTER THE COASTAL SHIPPING BUSINESS FLOAT TO THE SURFACE AT REGULAR

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INTERVALS AND SHOULD WE HEAR OF ONE WITH PROMISE, WE WOULD FORWARD THE DETAILS TO OPIC.
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